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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the office of substitute decision maker and
2 providing an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT ON AGING — OFFICE OF SUBSTITUTE
2 DECISION MAKER — APPROPRIATION.

3 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to
4 the department on aging for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
5 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following amount or so much
6 thereof as is necessary for the purposes designated:

7 For administration of the office of substitute decision
8 maker established pursuant to chapter 231E, on a statewide
9 basis:

10 \$ 2,210,646

11	EXPLANATION
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12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill appropriates funds to the department on aging
15 for FY 2014-2015 for administration of the office of
16 substitute decision maker on a statewide basis. The office
17 was established in 2005, was partially funded in 2007, and was
18 discontinued due to budget reductions in 2009. The office of
19 substitute decision maker provides a public substitute decision
20 maker (guardian, conservator, attorney-in-fact under a power
21 of attorney, or a representative payee) to assist those with
22 limited or no decision-making capabilities to make personal
23 care and financial decisions. The public substitute decision
24 maker is a decision maker of last resort and acts only when
25 there is no willing and responsible person available to serve
26 as a private substitute decision maker or the adult is without
27 adequate resources to compensate a private decision maker.